

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2009**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members:** Mary Miller, Janet Schofield, John Mercier, Chiara Dolcino, Glenn Mathews, Andrea Goldberg, Liz Odell,

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Chris Jacques, Doug Woodward

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by RPAC Chair, Mary Miller

Reviewed and approved February minutes.

**New Business:**

**CHC Softball Booster Club Request**

David introduced Chris Kane from the Concord High Softball Booster Club. Mr. Kane explained the Booster Club's proposed plan to improve Memorial Field Softball A. This Plan was submitted to the Concord High School Athletic Director.

The Booster Club's Proposal that he would like RPAC to support is outlined below.

- The Booster Club would like to purchase a portable fence for the Softball A Field that they would set up and take down after each CHS softball game.
- They would like the infield re-graded, laser leveled and replace the grass lip around the outfield. This would entail removing approximately six feet of sod, leveling the field and re-sod the field.
- Create two pitching and warm-up areas
- New dugouts are needed. The Booster Club will do the fundraising so that new dugouts can be built.

Janet Schofield believes their request makes sense and addressed several safety issues. She also thanked Chris and the Booster Club for their generosity in fundraising the costs of these improvements.

Andrea asked Chris Jacques how these improvements would effect his operation. Chris commented on the location of storing the fence during the softball season and during the off season. Also, who is responsible for the supervision of the volunteers who put up and take down the fence? Chris said that to re-sod the field would require it to be closed for 3 – 4 weeks. He recommended that he and David Gill and the CHS Athletic Director meet and develop a plan on how to implement the work needed to accomplish these goals.

Andrea made a motion to accept his recommendation and thanked the Booster Club for their willingness to improve the softball field at no cost to the City. Seconded by John Mercier. Unanimously approved.

**Softball World Series:**

David highlighted the progress of the planning for the U16 Softball World Series. David did not make the last meeting as he was out of town however everything is moving forward and the plan is to have a signed agreement sometime in May. Glenn asked if the event will still be held at the Baseball Field and David indicated it was. Glenn mentioned he would still like to see the event held on the Softball "A" Field, especially since the booster club now willing to help improve the field.

Meet adjourned 5:40 pm

Respectively submitted by:

David Gill  
Recreation Director